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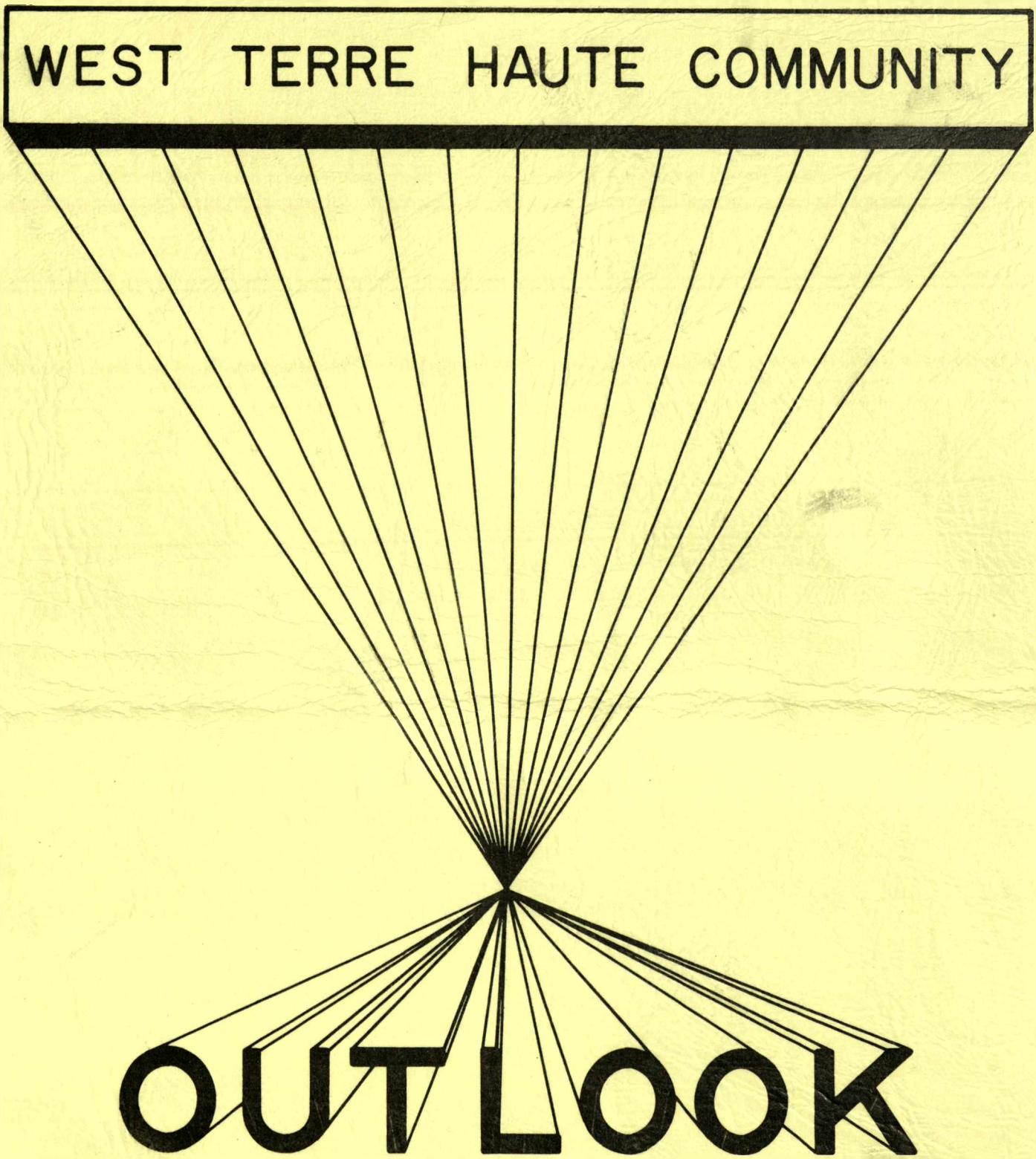

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Purpose

The purpose of the 1973 Community Outlook Survey was to provide the Town Board of West Terre Haute with a rationale and factual account of the attitudes of their constituents concerning community affairs and neighborhood needs. As such, the survey results can be utilized by the governing body in helping them make sound, responsible and fair decisions that are responsive to their electorates desires and needs.

The survey also can provide the communitys governing body with information needed in order to acquire state and federal funds to improve various aspects of the community and to help conserve local tax dollars.

Besides being of assistance to the Town Board the response to the survey may be utilized by the many local organizations in their attempt to maintain and improve the community. It provides a common set of objectives that these public organizations may jointly work toward achieving.

In conclusion, this report is a tool that can be used to guide those interested in West Terre Haute in a direction which is consistent with the needs, hopes, and desires of it's citizens.

Procedure

The following report represents the results of the West Terre Haute Community Outlook Survey. The questionnaire survey was conducted during the month of April, 1973 under the endorsement of local agencies and organizations. As a geographical base for the survey the community was divided into nine neighborhood areas. A questionnaire was hand distributed, on a neighborhood basis, to each residence in each neighborhood by citizens of West Terre Haute. Return or "drop boxes" were placed at fifteen locations throughout the community for the collection of completed questionnaires. Following the collection of the questionnaires, they were tabulated by neighborhood and later analized.

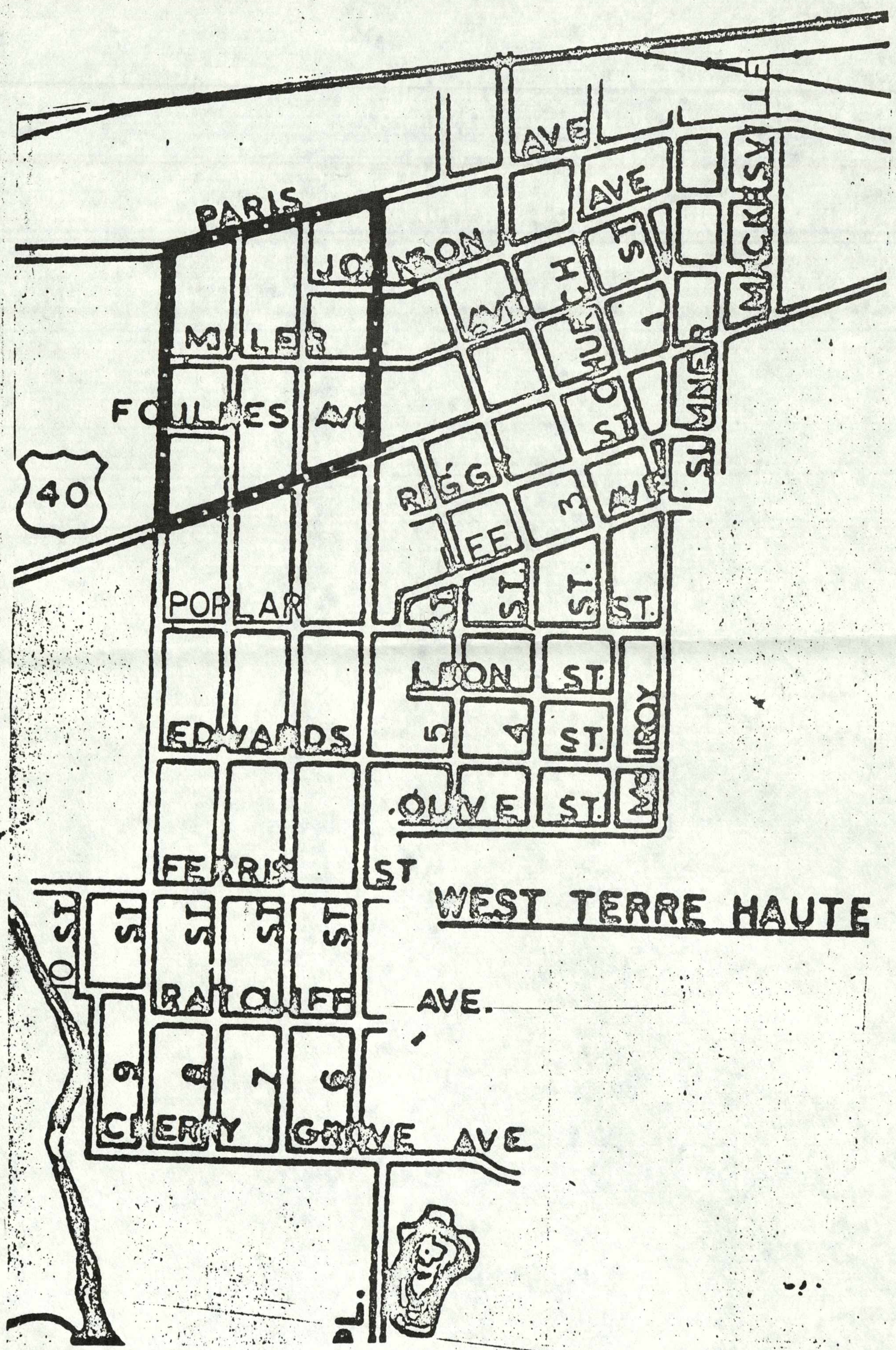
The response to the questionnaires were recorded by neighborhood. A consolidation of these neighborhood results formed the overall community outlook findings.

The survey's findings are presented in this report. These findings represent the attitude of approximately one out of every three households in West Terre Haute, which can be considered as an extremely successful and representative indicator of public attitude.

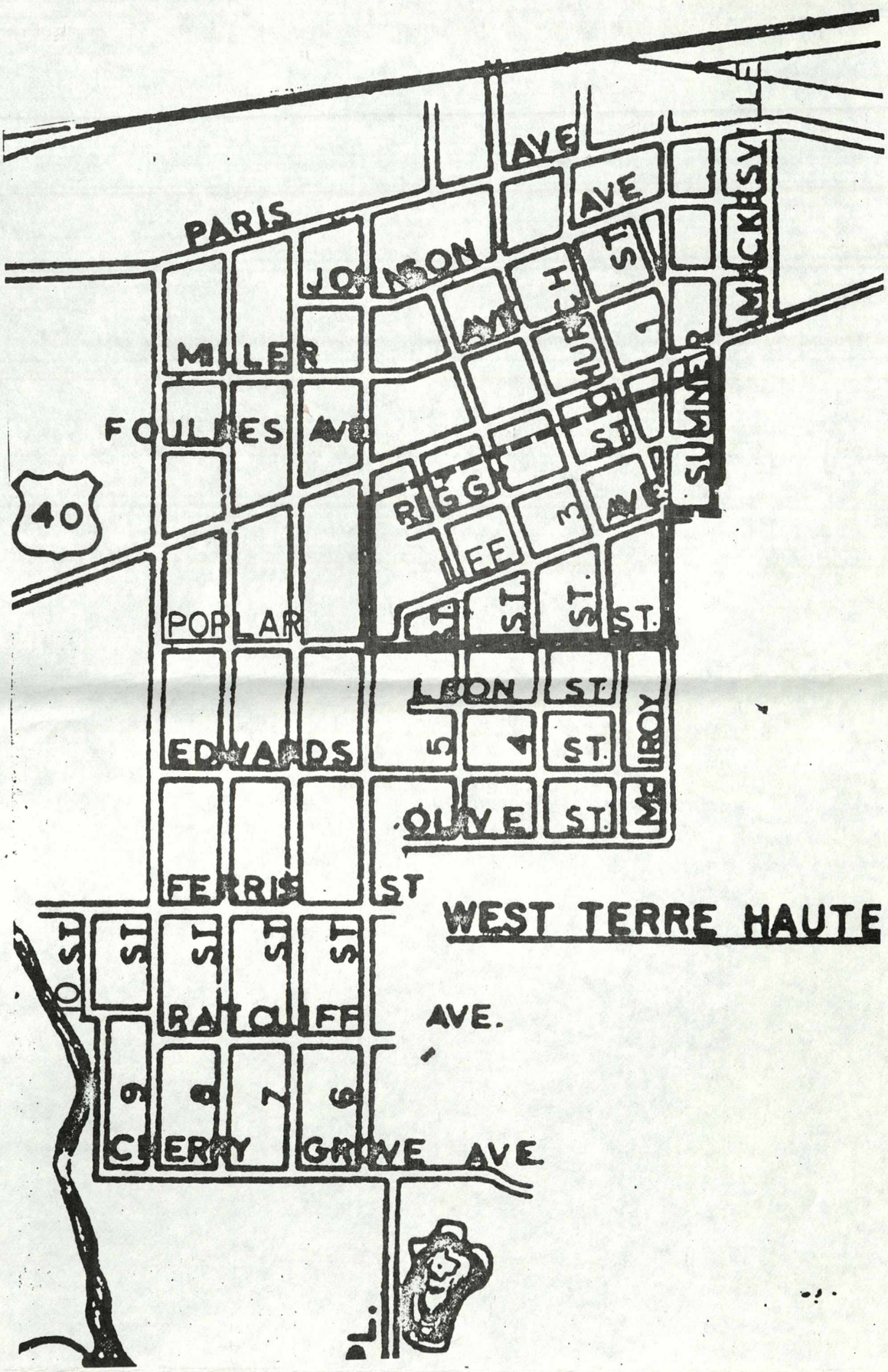
PART I

NEIGHBORHOOD RESULTS

NEIGHBORHOOD "A"



NEIGHBORHOOD "E"



NEIGHBORHOOD "A"

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. Residential, quiet, friendly, concerned, and nice neighbors - 74%

   b. Streets in good condition, well lighted and safe to walk at night - 46%

   c. Location, on bus line, and convenient to stores and other facilities - 41%

   d. A wide variety and good condition of churches - 13%

   e. Close to activities - 9%

   f. Good and adequate schools - 4%

   g. Mobile homes instead of shacks - 2%

   h. Well spaced homes - 2%

   i. Small Town - 2%

2. What five things do you dislike most about your neighborhood?

   a. Tractor Sales should be cleaned up - 60%

   b. Lack of law enforeement and traffic control - 35%

   c. Streets, sidewalks, and curbs need repair and cleaned due to littering and etc. and more street lights - 29%

   d. Heavy water deposits in streets and alleys and yards - 26%

   e. Dogs barking and running loose on private property - 24%

   f. Children playing in streets, on private property and leaving toys on sidewalks - 14%

   g. Increasing and high taxes - 9%

   h. Cars parked on both sides of narrow streets - 9%

   i. Overall apathy - 9%

   j. No trash and/or garbage pick-up - 13%

   k. Trailors - 4%

3. Are the following community services good, fair or poor?

( ) Priority	Good	Fair	Poor
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	(9) - 4	12	17 (5)
Street Condition	(6) 11	9	15 (6)

#3 cont.

	Good	Fair	Poor
Fire Service	(3) 20	9	4 (10)
Police Service	(5) 13	12	10 (9)
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	(8) 5	4	19 (4)
Trees and Grass Along Streets	(7) 8	14	12 (8)
Curbs	(9) 4	10	40 (3)
Sidewalks	(11) 1	9	23 (1)
Weed Control	(10) 3	16	14 (7)
Schools	(2) 21	9	2 (12)
Shopping Facilities	(3) 20	11	3 (11)
Bus Service	(4) 19	10	1 (13)
Water	(1) 30	2	2 (12)
Sewage	(9) 4	2	22 (2)

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES - 53% NO - 29%

Describe the problem:

Streets to narrow to park on both sides and cars being hit because of this - 19%

Some families have to many cars, take up more than their share of space and save parking spaces for other family members - 13%

People parking cars in front of homes to go to taverns, tractor sales, and junk yard - 7%

Cars, trucks, and tractors block vision, and beer trucks hold up traffic while they unload - 7%

Too much parking on streets when back yards could be used, but some do not have access to yards from street - 4%

People do not use church parking lot and some do not park in front of own homes - 4%

6th and National - 2%

Junk cars removed from street - 2%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

No comment - 46%

#5 cont.

Town Board and Police allowing private businesses (Tractor Sales) in residential areas which lowers property value of private homes - 39%

Poor streets and parking - 4%

Trash and water standing in roads and alleys, and Levee Road built to high - 4%

No caution signs near ball park crossing, and no traffic control on Paris Avenue - 4%

Dogs running loose - 2%

Mobile homes - 2%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Tractor Sales - 63%

Alleys, curbs, sidewalks, gutters and streets cleaned and repaired, needed, and improved street lighting - 46%

No sewers, trash and garbage pick-up, and odor from burning trash - 29%

Speeding and loud cars and motorcycles - 26%

Unresponsive administration, poor fire and police protection and no observance of laws by police and Town Board - 19%

Children running through private property - 17%

Parking, no regards for curbs and parking in alleys and blocking thru traffic - 13%

Huge water deposits after rain - 13%

High taxes - 9%

Odor from IGA and blowing of sawdust from Mill - 4%

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

YES - 21% NO - 51% MAYBE - 14% NO COMMENT - 21%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

Improve curbs, streets, alleys, sidewalks, street lights, sewers, have trash pick-up, and yellow flasher light at 9th and Paris - 80%

Upgrading of community and Community Center - 19%

Taxes lowered - 9%

Better pay for Town employees - 4%

More buses - 4%

9. Would you be interested in attending a community meeting to talk about improving your neighborhood and community?

YES -56% NO -17% NO COMMENT -13%

10. What type of recreational facilities or activities do you feel are needed in the community?

Swimming pool, tennis courts, skating rink, basketball goals, bowling alley, bike paths, and a park with shelter and playground equipment - 41%

Recreation center for old and young (with supervision) - 35%

Use old North School for recreation and recreation center - 7%

Each family should supply their own recreation - 4%

More parental participation in Little League and Biddy Basketball - 4%

11. Would you be interested in participating in a senior citizen activities program?

YES - 21% NO - 21% MAYBE - 19% NO COMMENT - 2%

12. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

Nice town but we need to clean up and repair our streets and alleys and tear down old buildings.

Would like for results of this survey to be published and maybe it would wake people up to the poor conditions of our town.

We need a sewer system, zoning ordinance, building code and ordinances that will be enforced!

We have a ball park for the boys but need recreation for the girls. Old North School would be ideal place. Don't understand why people won't try and get rid of Tractor Sales.

Ordinance to eliminate junk cars from streets, and vacant lots, either upgrade or remove old buildings. Beautify streets and town and lower tax rate to attract new businesses.

We should have a Senior Citizen Center.

Something done about water hole at 9th and Nat'l.

Start issuing traffic tickets and crack down on speeders and clean up hill of Aluminum Ore at train derailment site. Use area behind ball park for bicycles not motorcycles.

Can't the wrecked cars, trash and etc. be removed from behind the Standard station? Terrible water holes in streets.

Improve upkeep of private property and have law to make people burn their trash at certain times of day and not at night.

Litter baskets placed along streets, rusty trash containers spoil the look of alleys and yards.

The community needs a sewer, drainage system, repaired streets, curbings, new street lights, and better communication equipment for police.

More volunteers for special services such as, clean up, fix up, paint up, and also someone from Humane Society to check mistreatment of animals.

Police enforcement of stop signs. Bring north end and south end of town together through recreation.

The fire plug in front of our house has not been flushed in the 11 years that we have lived here.

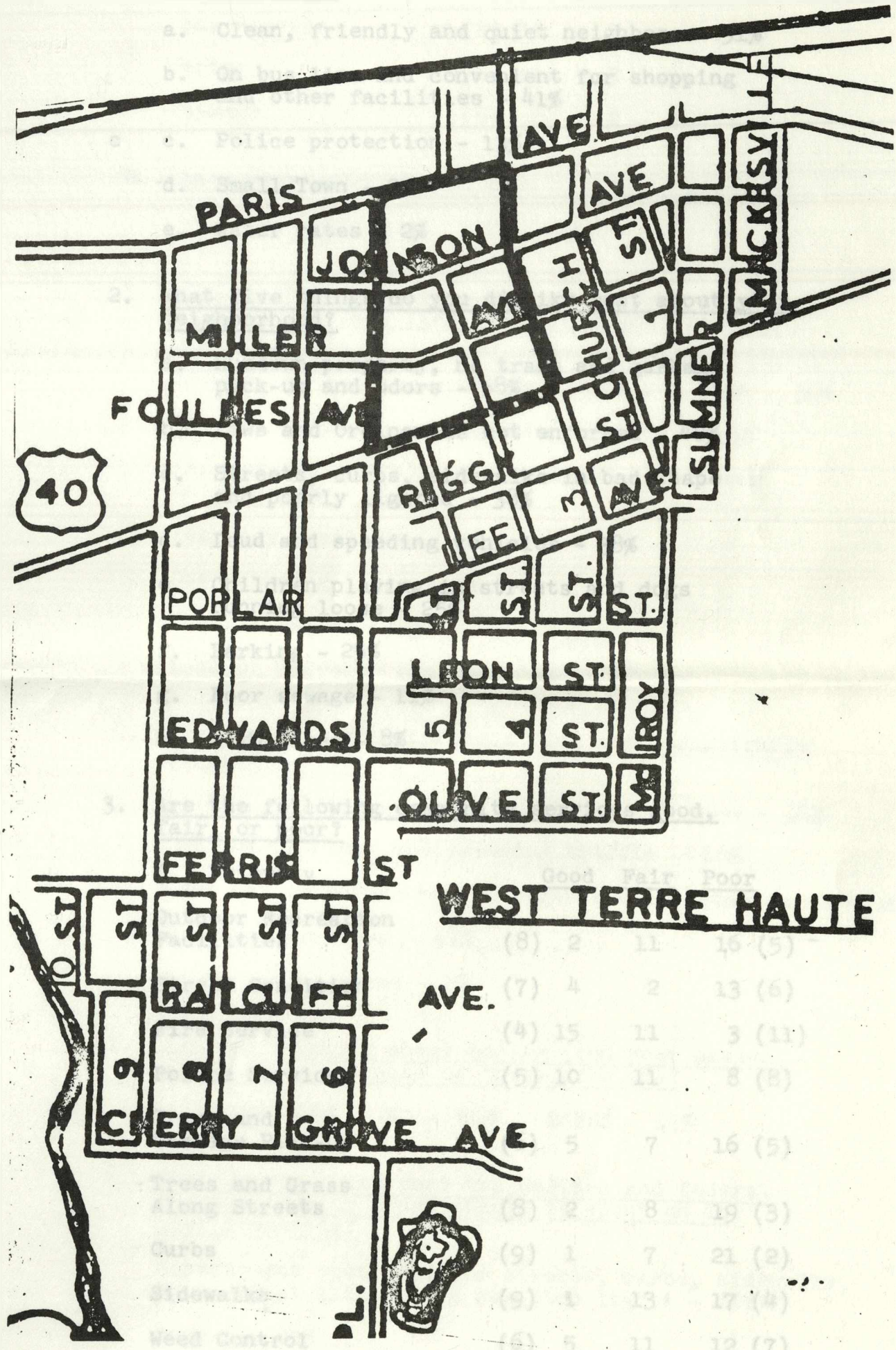
I am concerned about water works dept. and their not reading meters, not repairing meters, and fire hydrants not being flushed.

Place between 7th and 8th - Grims Rec, should be looked into.

More recreation for young children, teens. People should keep property clean and free of litter.

No. 9th to narrow for parking on both sides.

NEIGHBORHOOD "B"



NEIGHBORHOOD "B"

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. Clean, friendly and quiet neighbors - 91%

   b. On bus line and convenient for shopping and other facilities - 41%

c c. Police protection - 13%

   d. Small Town - 2%

   e. Water rates - 2%

2. What five things do you dislike most about your neighborhood?

   a. Rundown property, no trash and garbage pick-up and odors - 58%

   b. Laws and Ordinances not enforced - 48%

   c. Streets, curbs, sidewalks in bad shape and poorly lighted - 38%

   d. Loud and speeding vehicles - 38%

   e. Children playing in streets and dogs running loose - 25%

   f. Parking - 25%

   g. Poor sewage - 11%

   h. High Taxes - 8%

3. Are the following community services good, fair, or poor?

( ) Priority	Good	Fair	Poor
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	(8) 2	11	16 (5)
Street Condition	(7) 4	2	13 (6)
Fire Service	(4) 15	11	3 (11)
Police Service	(5) 10	11	8 (8)
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	(6) 5	7	16 (5)
Trees and Grass Along Streets	(8) 2	8	19 (3)
Curbs	(9) 1	7	21 (2)
Sidewalks	(9) 1	13	17 (4)
Weed Control	(6) 5	11	12 (7)
Schools	(3) 19	5	6 (9)

#3 cont.

	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Shopping Facilities	(5) 10	15	5 (10)
Bus Service	(2) 21	7	3 (11)
Water	(1) 26	3	
Sewage	(8) 2	2	23 (1)

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES - 44% NO - 38%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

Litter, alleys run down, and homes run down - 36%

Parking problems and speeding traffic - 16%

Lack of law enforcement in regard to tractor sales - 16%

Too many trailors - 11%

Dogs running loose - 5%

Poor sidewalks - 2%

Lack of mosquito control - 2%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Litter, alleys run down, and homes run down - 36%

Parking problems and speeding traffic - 16%

Lack of law enfocement in regards to tractor sales - 16%

Too many trailors - 11%

Dogs running loose - 5%

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

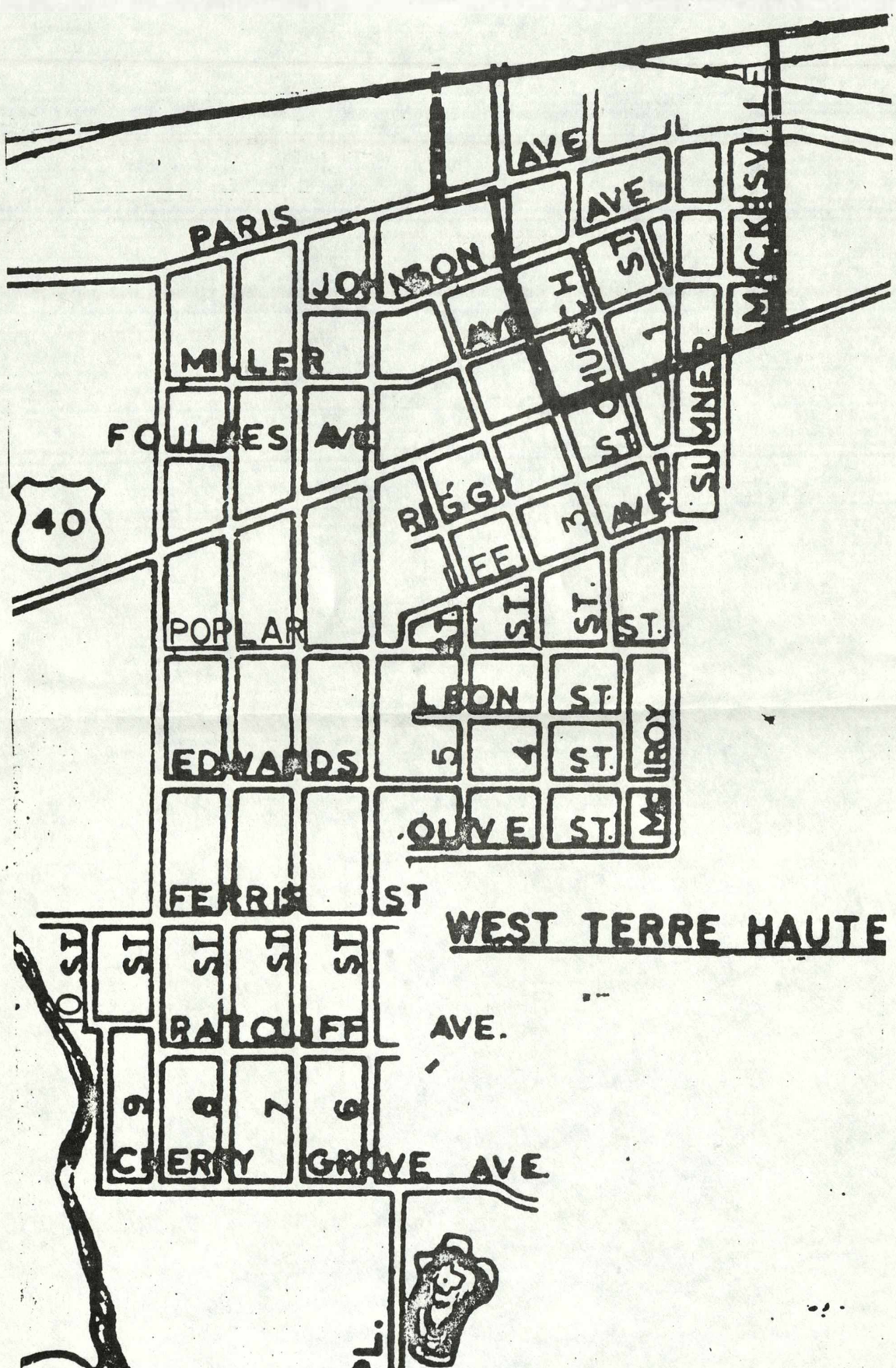
YES - 16% NO - 50% MAYBE - 19%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

Improvement equipment for streets, curbs, sidewalks, more street lights, and new stop lights - 100%

Sewers - 25%

NEIGHBORHOOD "C"



NEIGHBORHOOD "C"

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. Nice neighbors and quiet neighborhood - 34%

   b. Convenient for shopping - 15%

   c. Good schools - 7%

2. What five things do you dislike most about your neighborhood?

   a. Lack of street, curb, and sidewalk repair - 61%

   b. Dogs and children running loose - 46%

   c. Flooding of streets - 43%

   d. No trash pick-up sometimes resulting in junk being left in yards - 38%

   e. Speeding vehicles - 20%

   f. Lack of adequate sewage - 3%

   g. Lack maintenance on Community Center - 3%

3. Are the following community services good, fair or poor?

	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	(7) 4	5	10 (5) —
Street Condition	—	4	15 (2)
Fire Service	(3) 15	2	2 (9)
Police Service	(5) 9	7	4 (7)
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	(7) 4	5	10 (5)
Trees and Grass along Streets	(8) 3	5	9 (6)
Curbs	(9) 2	5	12 (4)
Sidewalks	(10) 1	4	14 (3)
Weed Control	(9) 2	7	9 (6)
Schools	(1) 18		
Shopping Facilities	(4) 10	5	3 (8)
Bus Service	(6) 8	9	1 (10)
Water	(2) 16	1	1 (10)
Sewage		2	16 (1)

( ) - Priority

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES - 11% NO - 50%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

Neglect of homes - 20%

Grimes Recreation Center - 7%

Standing water - 3%

Dirty streets - 3%

Empty stores on Paris Ave. - 3%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Same as #5.

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

YES - 20% NO - 46% MAYBE - 11%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

Street repair - 50%

Recreation for young and senior citizens - 20%

New equipment for fire department - 7%

Old tree removal - 3%

9. Would you be interested in attending a community meeting to talk about improving your neighborhood and community?

YES - 46% NO - 26%

10. What type of recreational facilities or activities do you feel are needed in the community?

Park for children - 23%

Bowling, tennis court, pool and skating rink - 23%

11. Would you be interested in participating in a senior citizen activities program?

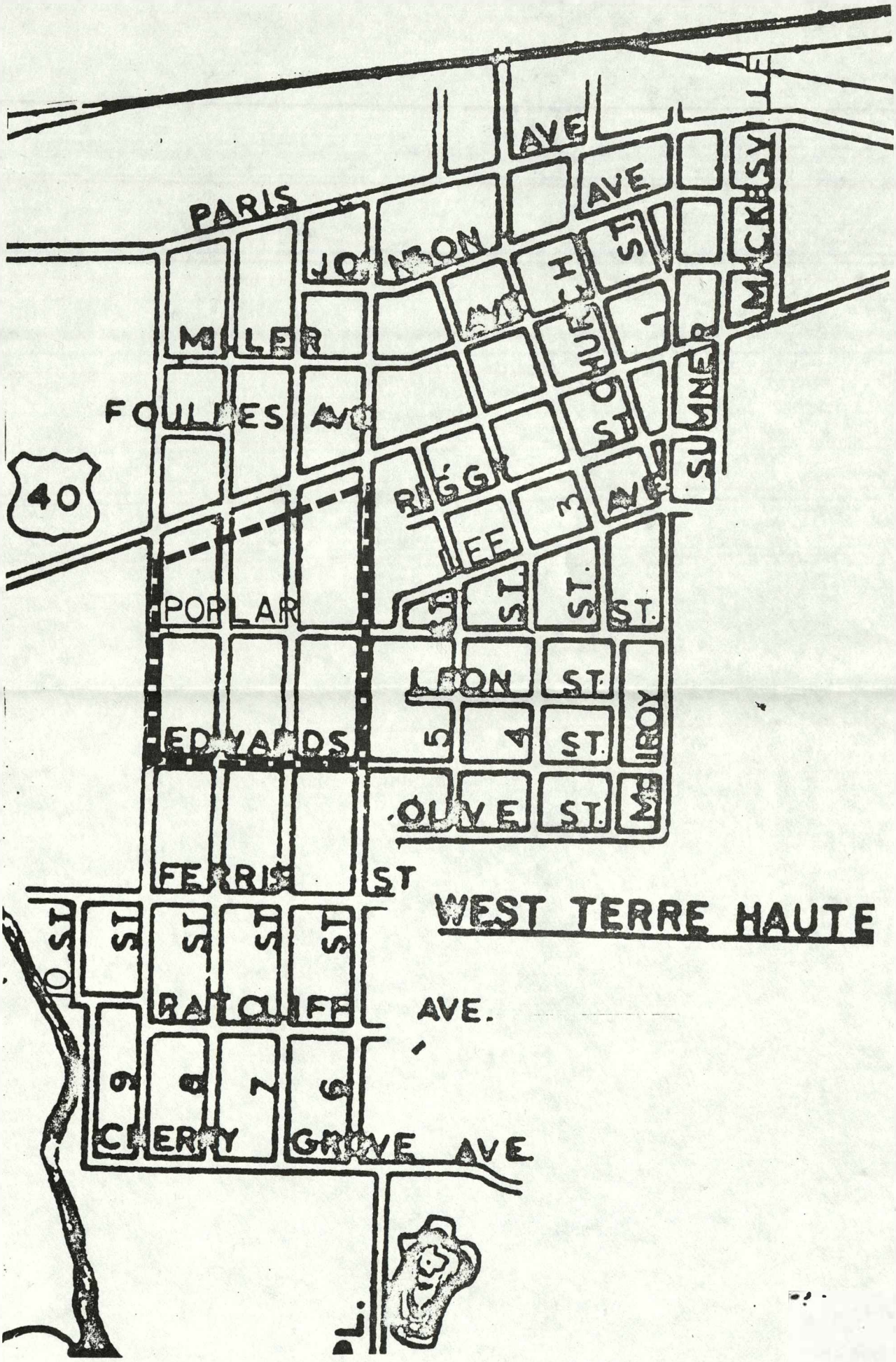
YES - 30% NO - 26% MAYBE - 11%

12. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

We need department stores

We need enforcement of laws, especially zoning laws

NEIGHBORHOOD "D"



NEIGHBORHOOD "D"

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. Good, friendly, quiet, and clean neighbors -100%

   b. Convenient location for shopping, other facilities and churches -48%

   c. Nothing - 13%

   d. Small Town - 9%

   e. Low taxes - 4%

   f. Good water and fresh air - 4%

   g. Adequate street lighting and trees - 4%

2. What five things do you dislike most about your neighborhood?

   a. Parking, streets to narrow, to many motorcycles on side streets, over curb parking, parked junk cars on streets and in alleys - 100%

   b. Trashy and junk yards and littering - 90%

   c. No law enforcement with regard to speeding, loud motorcycles and cars and too many stop signs - 78%

   d. Deteriorating property - creating eyesores, unused back houses and shacks, and year round porch and yard sales - 56%

   e. Dogs, cats and horses running loose - 53%

   f. Rental property not kept up - 9%

   g. Burning trash and odor from trash cans - 7%

   h. No sewage - 2%

3. Are the following community services good, Fair, or poor?

( ) Priority	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	(8) 3	10	19 (4)
Street Condition	— -	9	26 (1)
Fire Service	(3) 22	5	3 (7)
Police Service	(5) 19	15	4 (6)
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	(6) 5	14	15 (5)
Trees and Grass Along Streets	(8) 3	11	20 (3)
Curbs	(9) 1	10	23 (2)

#3 cont.

	GOOD		FAIR	POOR	
Sidewalks	(9)	1	15	18	(5)
Weed Control	(7)	4	9	19	(4)
Schools	(4)	21	5	1	(9)
Shopping Facilities	(4)	41	9	3	(7)
Bus Service	(2)	24	6	1	(9)
Water	(1)	29	2	2	(8)
Sewage	(7)	4	3	20	(3)

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES - 48% NO - 24%

Describe the problem:

No space in front of own home due to neighbors with one or more cars taking more than their own space - 19%

Streets to narrow for parking on both sides - 19%

Business customers take up needed spaces - 4%

Need one-way streets on south 6th and south 7th - 4%

Over curb parking - 4%

Parking on Rt. 40 hinders vision to enter from side streets - 2%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

Entire Town getting more run down, detiorating property, trashy yards and more junk - 31%

More theft from yards and garages - 9%

People of questionable character moving into Town - 7%

Speeding and loud cars and motorcycles and not enforcing laws with regard to stop sign violators - 7%

Poor condition of streets and curbs - 4%

More stray dogs - 2%

Too many trailors - 2%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Entire Town getting more run down, detiorating property, trashy yards and more junk - 31%

More theft from yards and garages - 9%

People of questionable character moving into town - 7%

Speeding and loud cars and motorcycles and not enforcing laws with regard to stop sign violators - 7%

Poor condition of streets and curbs - 4%

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

YES - 9% NO - 43% MAYBE -24%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

Repair and cleaning or streets, curbs, lights, sidewalks, and alleys - 85%

General Clean-up - 26%

Sewer systems - 22%

Parks and trees - 12%

Softer water and maintenance of hydrants - 7%

Better police protection and new fire house - 5%

Housing for the elderly - 2%

9. Would you be interested in attending a community meeting to talk about improving your neighborhood and community?

YES - 58% NO - 9%

10. What type of recreational facilities or activities do you feel are needed in the community?

Fixing up and adding to what we have, any type of physical improvement - 17%

Park with playground and basketball court - 17%

Recreation Center for all ages - 12%

Something for the girls - 2%

11. Would you be interested in participating in a senior citizen activities program?

YES - 31% NO - 10%

12. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

Clean-up and become a Pride Town

Too high taxes for too little in return

Get rid of junk in yards

WTH used to be nice, but is going down, down

Keep paper from blowing from bins around drive-ins

Early mosquito control instead of delayed fogging

No property protection or building codes

Bicycle training

Better law enforcement

Investigate Grimes Rec.

Tear down old buildings

Black top all streets

Federal housing for senior citizens

Stop light at 9th and National for IGA customers

Too many trailors

Need sidewalks from 8th to 5th for walkers at West Vigo Elementary School

Would like license branch in WTH for Suger Creek Township people

NEIGHBORHOOD "E"

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. Good and friendly and quiet neighbors - 100%

   b. Well kept homes and yards - 43%

   c. Accessibility to shopping facilities and churches - 50%

   d. Good police and fire protection - 16%

   e. Streets, alleys, and curbs and well lighted - 20%

   f. Low water rates - 16%

   g. Small Town - 6%

2. What five things do you dislike most about your neighborhood?

   a. Poor condition of streets, curbs, sidewalks, alleys, poor street lighting and water standing in streets - 100%

   b. Eyesore and littering - 80%

   c. Dogs and cats running loose - 76%

   d. Speeding autos and noise nuisance - 43%

   e. Inadequate trash and garbage collection - 26%

   f. Levee Road - 20%

   g. Too many stop signs and taverns - 13%

   h. Children disregard for private property - 13%

3. Are the following community services good, fair or poor?

( ) Priority	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	(10) 1	15	16 (6)
Street Condition	(8) 3	10	25 (2)
Fire Service	(3) 22	6	5 (8)
Police Service	(5) 16	13	9 (7)
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	(6) 6	13	16 (6)
Trees and Grass Along Streets	(7) 5	12	20 (4)
Curbs	(8) 3	8	26 (1)
Sidewalks	(9) 2	7	26 (1)

#3 cont.

	GOOD		FAIR	POOR
Weed Control	(6)	6	9	22 (3)
Schools	(2)	31	3	0 (11)
Shopping Facilities	(4)	18	11	5 (8)
Bus Service	(4)	18	14	4 (9)
Water	(1)	32	3	2 (10)
Sewage	(10)	1	4	19 (5)

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES -16% NO - 84%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

Street and sidewalk detioration - 13%

Home deterioration and untidy yards - 30%

Levee - 10%

Lack of law enforcement - 6%

More noise - 6%

Over curb parking -6%

Mobile homes and trash burning - 6%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Street and sidewalk deterioration - 13%

Home deterioration and untidy yards - 30%

Levee -10%

Lack of law enforcement - 6%

More Noise - 6%

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

YES -10% NO - 77% MAYBE - 13%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

Street, sidewalk, curb and alley improvement, more street lights, signs and equipment - 100%

Garbage and trash pick-up -20%

Police training - 10%

to reduce taxes - 6%

Urban Renewal - 6%

#8 cont.

Cable TV - 6%

Help Community Center - 6%

9. Would you be interested in attending a community meeting to talk about improving your neighborhood and community?

YES - 86% NO - 16%

10. What type of recreational facilities or activities do you feel are needed in the community?

Parks with playground equipment - 30%

Swimming Pool, ball diamonds, basketball courts - 23%

Theater and family entertainment - 6%

Something for the Girls - 13%

11. Would you be interested in participating in a senior citizen activities program?

YES - 23% NO - 26% MAYBE ----

12. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

Improved law enforcement and training for firemen and police

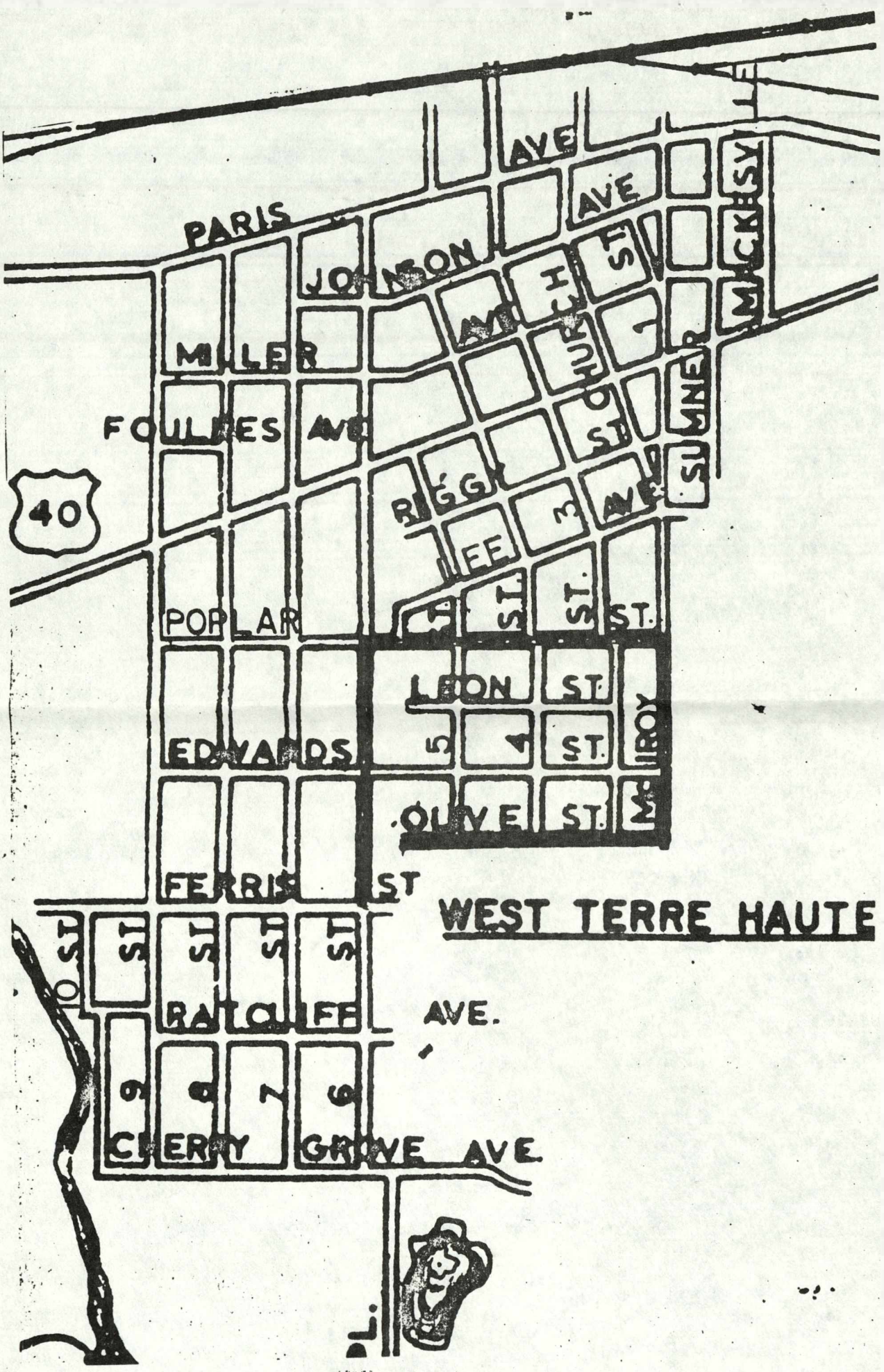
Clean up and repair and tear down old buildings

Remove Junk Yard

Walking hazards for the elderly

Great place to raise children

Want Cable TV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NEIGHBORHOOD "F"

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. Good friendly, quiet neighbors - 60%

   b. Small and Clean Town, well kept homes - 45%

   c. Good schools and churches - 17%

   d. Bus service and shopping convenience - 8%

   e. Most homes owned - 5%

2. What five things do you dislike most about your neighborhood?

   a. Streets, curbs, sidewalks, and alleys in bad condition, often resulting in water standing - 100%

   b. Litter in streets and yards - 91%

   c. Dogs and cats running loose - 51%

   d. Poor visibility at Intersections - 17%

   e. Odors, outside toilets, and garbage pick-up - 22%

   f. Noise nuisances - 22%

   g. Trailer parks and dog pens - 11%

   h. Garbage pick-up - 5%

   i. Poor recreation facilities - 8%

3. Are the following community services good, fair or poor?

( ) Priority	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	(8) 1	10	10 (4)
Street Condition	(8) 1	6	17 (1)
Fire Service	(1) 18	5	0 (10)
Police Service	(3) 14	10	1 (9)
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	(5) 7	7	9 (5)
Trees and Grass Along Streets	(6) 4	10	8 (6)
Curbs	(7) 2	10	12 (3)
Sidewalks	(7) 2	7	14 (2)

#3 cont.

	GOOD		FAIR	POOR
Weed Control	(6)	4	5	14 (2)
Schools	(2)	16	3	0 (10)
Shopping Facilities	(4)	12	7	2 (8)
Bus Service	(4)	12	6	3 (7)
Water	(2)	16	3	0 (10)
Sewage			2	12 (3)

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES - 22% NO - 42%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

Dogs and cats running loose - 40%

Too many trailers - 34%

Rundown property - 22%

High Taxes, little results - 22%

Poor streets - 17%

Litter in Streets - 17%

Too many street signs and wrong place - 8%

Levee, Alleys poor drainage - 8%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Dogs and cats running loose - 40%

Too many trailers - 34%

Rundown property - 22%

High taxes, little results - 22%

Poor streets - 17%

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

YES - 25% NO - 54% MAYBE - 8%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

New Streets and equipment - 25%

Sewage improvement - 11%

New sidewalks and curbs - 14%

Garbage and trash removal - 8%

New housing - 5%
Recreation Area - 5%

More police protection - 5%

General Town improvement - 5%

9. Would you be interested in attending a community meeting to talk about improving your neighborhood and community?

YES - 25% NO - 25% MAYBE 2%

10. What type of recreational facilities or activities do you feel are needed in the community?

More activities for girls - 2%

Youth Center for teenage activities - 2%

Swimming, bowling, dancing and etc. - 2%

Childrens playground - 2%

Movie Theater - 2%

Drag Strip - 2%

Town Parks - 2%

11. Would you be interested in participating in a senior citizen activities program?

YES - 11% NO - 22% MAYBE - 17%

12. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

Recreation Center with supervision

Taxes too high

New curbs

Poor streets

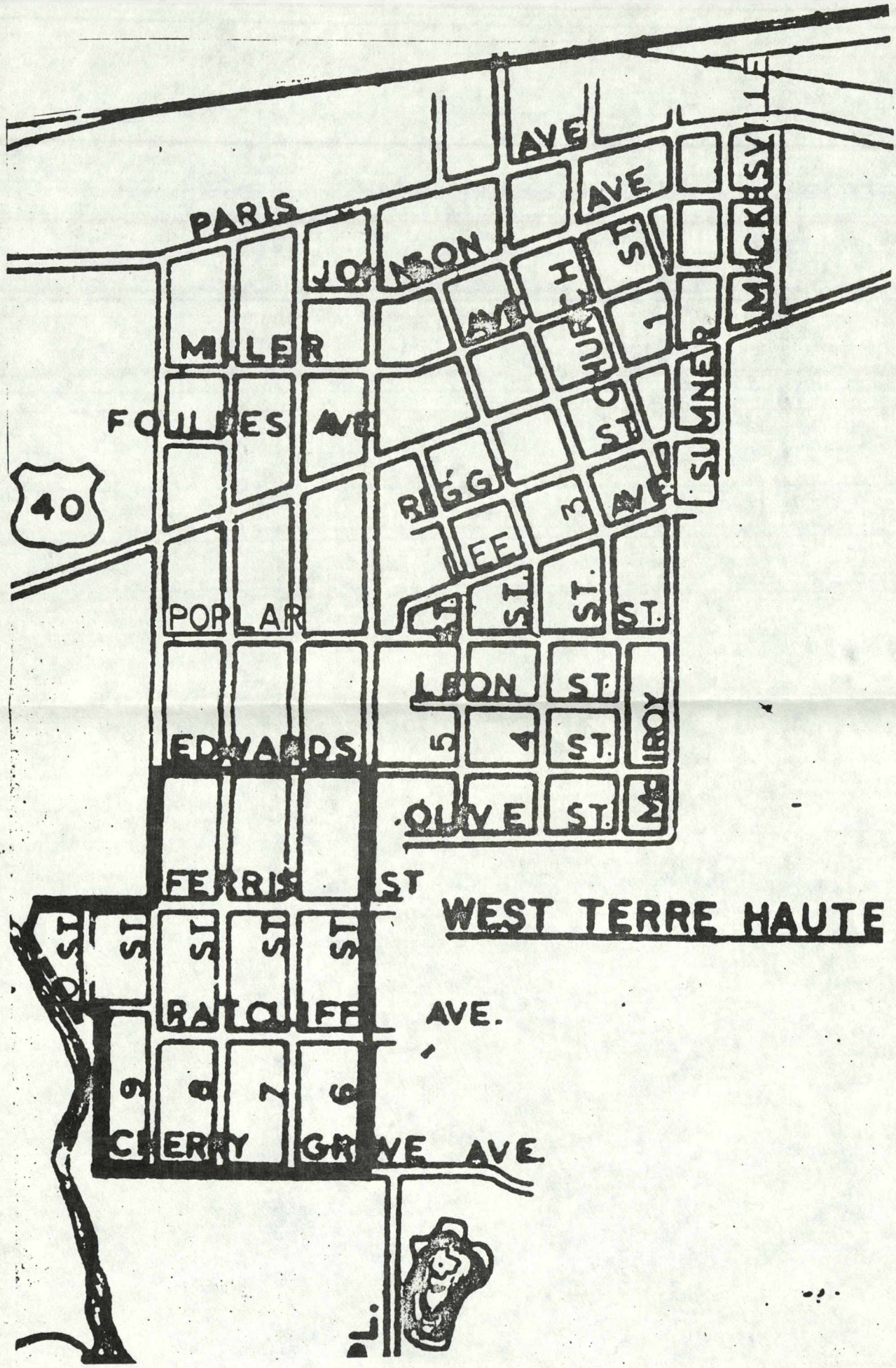
Need law enforcement

Clean up town

Need shopping center, bowling alley, skating etc.

Need mosquito control improvement

Dogs running loose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NEIGHBORHOOD "G"

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. The people - 45%

   b. Good shopping facilities - 14%

   c. Good, close schools - 11%

   d. Good water - 5%

   e. Police Protection - 2%

   f. Small town - 2%

2. What five things do you dislike most about your neighborhood?

   a. Dogs running loose - 80%

   b. Junk cars and junk in yards - 65%

   c. Poor streets, sidewalks and lighting - 65%

   d. Too many stop signs - 45%

   e. Water standing in streets - 38%

   f. Speeding autos - 31%

   g. Children disregarding property rights - 28%

   h. Horses on sidewalks - 20%

   i. Weeds - 17%

   j. Cars and motorcycles on Levee - 17%

   k. Old buildings and sheds - 17%

   l. No trash pick-up and sewers - 14%

   m. Poor home upkeep - 5%

   n. Mobile homes and no doctor - 5%

3. Are the following community services good, fair or poor?

( ) Priority	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	(11) 1	9	26 (3)
Street Condition	(10) 2	7	25 (4)
Fire Service	(3) 26	11	0 (11)
Police Service	(6) 21	5	9 (9)
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	(7) 7	7	18 (7)

#3 cont.

	GOOD		FAIR	POOR	
Trees and Grass Along Streets	(8)	6	12	15	(8)
Curbs	(10)	2	8	22	(5)
Sidewalks	(9)	3	9	29	(2)
Weed Control	(11)	1	13	20	(6)
Schools	(2)	30	3	1	(10)
Shopping Facilities	(5)	22	13	1	(10)
Bus Service	(4)	25	10	0	(11)
Water	(1)	32	2	1	(10)
Sewage	(10)	2	1	30	(1)

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES - 50% NO - 50%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

Neighborhood running down - 38%

Trash and Garbage - 17%

Children running neighborhoods - 14%

Dogs running loose - 8%

Too many stop signs - 8%

Too many mobile homes - 5%

Poor police protection - 2%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Neighborhood running down - 38%

Trash and Garbage - 17%

Children running neighborhoods - 14%

Dogs running loose - 8%

Too many stop signs - 8%

Too many mobile homes - 5%

Poor police protection - 2%

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

YES - 14% NO - 54% MAYBE - 31%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

Streets, curbs, sidewalks and alleys - 74%

Sewage system - 28%

Street drainage - 17%

street lights - 8%

Day Care Center - 8%

Better law enforcement - 2%

Shopping Center - 2%

Levee maintenance - 2%

9. Would you be interested in attending a community meeting to talk about improving your neighborhood and community?

YES - 82% NO 18%

10. What type of recreational facilities or activities do you feel are needed in the community?

Playgrounds with supervision - 51%

Skating rink - 17%

Bowling Alley - 8%

Teenage center - 2%

Theater - 2%

Anything - 2%

11. Would you be interested in participating in a senior citizen activities program?

YES - 28% NO - 25%

12. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

General cleanup of homes and junk

More responsive administration

Grimes Rec. Center moved to downtown

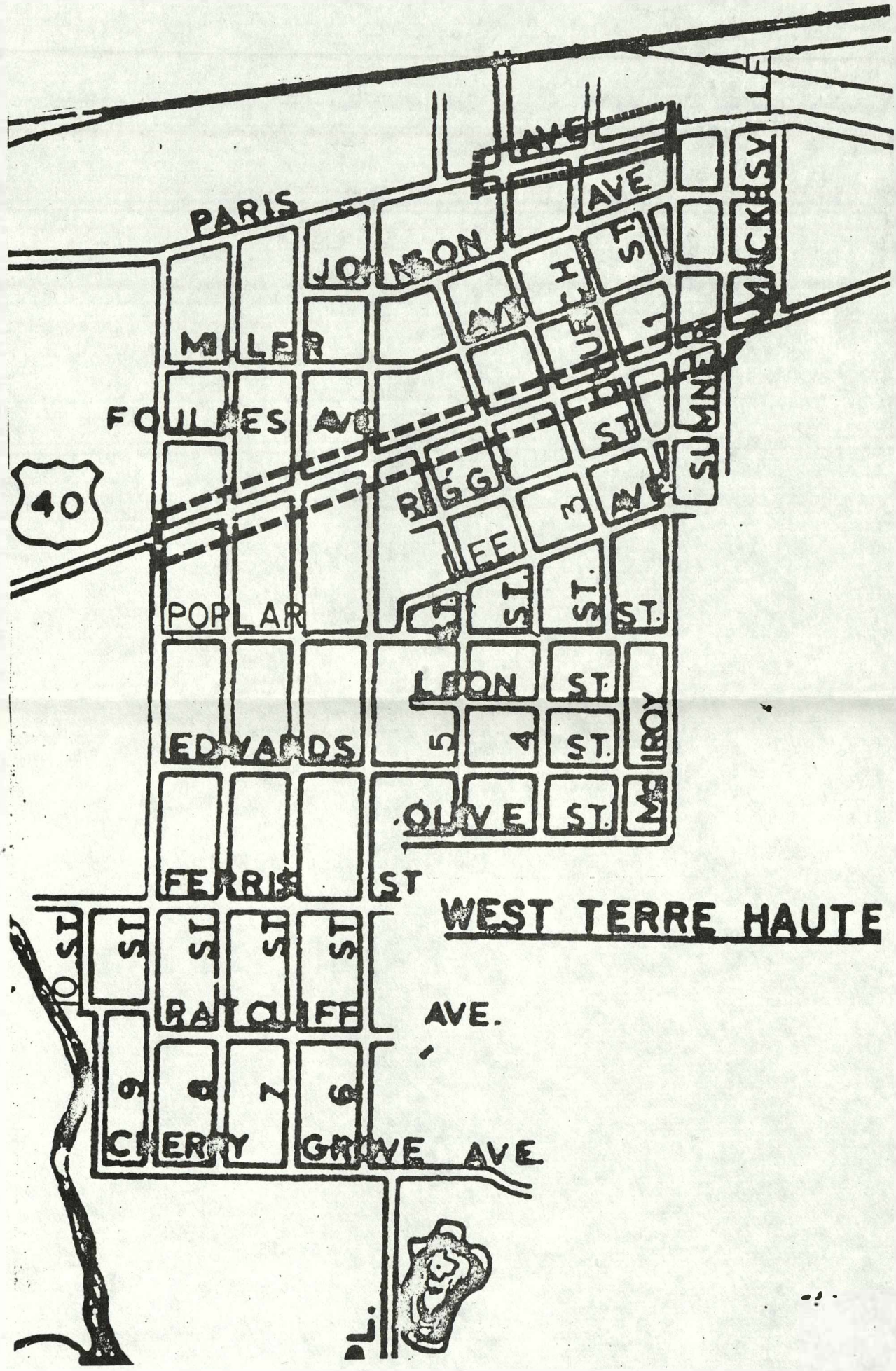
Need new industry

Wash water runs down street (510 south 7th)

4 way stop signs and 9th and Faris

9PM Curfew

NEIGHBORHOOD "H"



With Fire & Police Dept

Submit & discuss

RESPONSIVE DECISIONS

INFORFOR SATE AND FED. FUNDS

COMMON OBJECTIVES

DURING APRIL 1973

ONE OUT OF THREE HOUSEHOLDS....NENE NEIGBBORHOODS...COMPLIED FOR TOTAL COMMUNITY OUTLOOK.

GOOD:

RESIDENTIAL AND QUITE 11

GOOD STREETS AND SAFE CONDITIONS...LIGHT 23%

CONVINENT FOR SHOPPING

BAD:

TRACTOR SALES CLEAN UP ...ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL AREA

****ZONING LAWS LACK OF COP ENFORCEMENT 1 1 1

PARKING PROBELM 11 1

***** STREET CLEAINING * ***** SEWER, DRAINAGE, AND REPAIRED STREETS

NO TRASH AND GARBAGE PICKUPS

1) DETERIORATING PROPERTY

2) STREETS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS...LIGHTS.

INTEREST IN COMMUNITY MEETING..56 % 69% 46% 86% 25% 82% 88%

NEIGHBORHOOD "H"
(Business District)

1. What five things do you like most about having a business in W.T.H.?

   a. My Customers and Parking Facilities - 100%

   b. Good location and traffic - 47%

   c. Good Police and Fire Protection - 24%

   d. Good Schools and Banks - 17%

   e. Low Water Rates - 17%

   f. Low Vandalism - 11%

   g. Less Competition - 5%

2. What five things do you dislike most about having a business in W.T.H.?

   a. No Trash Pick-Up - 82%

   b. Poor Condition of Streets, Curbs & Sidewalks - 58%

   c. Poor Street Lighting, Drainage and Levee - 52%

   d. Overall Apathy - 17%

   e. Poor Traffic Control and Parking - 11%

   f. No New Industry - 11%

   g. Air Pollution - 11%

   h. Too Much Politics - 11%

   i. Excessive Shoplifting - 5%

   j. Pool Room on National - 5%

   k. High Taxes and Welfare Cases - 41%

3. Are the following community facilities in your commercial area good, fair or poor?

(Priority)	GOOD		FAIR	POOR	
Streets	(5)	2	7	7	(3)
Curbs			5	11	(1)
Off Street Parking Facilities	(3)	5	3	8	(2)
Trash Pick-Up	(4)	3	1	11	(1)
Grass, Shrubs and Other Vegetation	(5)	2	3	11	(1)
Sidewalks	(5)	2	6	8	(2)
Fire Service	(1)	9	6	1	(5)
Police Service	(2)	8	6	2	(4)

#3 cont.

	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Other:			
Street Lights			2 (4)
Water Holes			1 (5)
Fire Hydrants (never flushed)			1 (5)
Tree Row Parking (should be eliminated)			1 (5)

4. What changes have you observed in the W.T.H. commercial area in the past few years that you feel is hurting your business?

Poor Parking - 11%
Hippies - 5%
High Taxes - 5%

Traffic Change due to Interstate 70 - 5%

Grimes Pool Hall - 5%

5. Are you thinking about moving from your present place of business because of these problems?

YES - 0 NO - 64% MAYBE - 24%

6. What do you feel your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in W.T.H.?

Improvements of Streets, Curbs, Sidewalks and More Street Lighting - 100%

Fire Protection and Police Protection and more Traffic Control - 24%

Sewers - 17%

General Clean Up and Removal of Condemned Buildings - 17%

Small Park for Children - 11%

Zoning and Urban REnewal -11%

Lower Taxes - 5%

Getting New Industry - 5%

7. Would you be interested in attending a W.T.H. business district meeting to help solve some of the areas problems?

YES - 88% NO - 5%

8. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

Better Law Enforcement

Put able bodied people on welfare working cleaning up the community

West Terre Haute needs industry

High taxes without benefit to general citizenry

Better traffic control on South 7th at National (No parking either side in this area)

Brightly colored trash barrels in downtown area

The police and fire station need soap and water and paint

PART II

COMMUNITY RESULTS

COMMUNITY WIDE RESULTS

(Neighborhoods A-G)

1. What five things do you like most about your neighborhood?

   a. Residential, quiet, concerned, and nice neighbors - 86%

   b. Location, on bus line, convenient to stores, other facilities and activities - 40%

   c. Streets in good condition, well lighted and safe to walk at night - 23%

   d. Most homes owned, well spaced, mboile homes instead of shacks and small town - 20%

   e. A wide variety and good condition of churches - 15%

   f. Good water with low rates - 14%

   g. Nothing - 13%

   h. Police protection - 10%

   i. Good and adequate schools - 7%

   j. Low taxes - 4%

2. What five things do you dislike about your neighborhood?

   a. Deteriorating private and rental property creating eyesores, unused back houses, shacks, year round porch and yard sales - 68%

   b. Streets, sidewalks, curbs need repair and cleaned due to littering etc. and more street lights - 64%

   c. Tractor Sales should be cleaned up - 60%

   d. Dogs running loose on private property and barking - 51%

   e. Loud and speeding vehicles and cars and motorcycles on Levee - 48%

   f. Lack of law enforcement and traffic control - 48%

   g. Cars parked on both sides of narrow streets - 45%

   h. No trash or garbage pick-up resulting in odors from burning trash and trash cans - 40%

   i. Too many stop signs and taverns - 29%

   j. Heavy water deposits in streets, alleys and yards - 25%

   k. Children playing in streets, on private property, and leaving toys on sidewalks - 20%

   l. Horses on sidewalks - 20%

#2 cont.

m. Poor visibility at intersections - 17%

n. Weeds - 17%

o. Overall apathy - 9%

p. Increasing and high taxes - 9%

q. Trailors - 7%

r. Lack of maintenance of Community Center - 5%

3. Are the following community services good, fair, or poor?

	PRIORITY LISTING	
	Good	Poor
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	13	3
Street Condition	7	8
Fire Service	3	11
Police Service	6	9
Trash and Garbage Pick-Up	14	7
Trees and Grass Along Streets	8	6
Curbs	11	1
Sidewalks	12	2
Weed Control	9	5
Schools	2	14
Shopping Facilities	4	10
Bus Service	5	12
Water	1	13
Sewage	10	4

4. Does your neighborhood have a parking problem?

YES - 35% NO - 45%

Describe the Problem:

Streets too narrow to park on both sides and cars being hit because of this - 19%

Some families have too many cars, take up more than their share of space and save parking spaces for other family members - 16%

#4 cont.

Cars, trucks, and tractors block vision and beer trucks hold up traffic while they unload - 7%

People parking cars in front of private homes to go to taverns, tractor sales, and junk yard - 6%

Too much parking on streets when back yards could be used, but some have no access to back yard from street - 4%

People do not use church parking lot and some do not park in front of own homes - 4%

Need one-way streets on South 6th and 7th - 4%

Over curb parking - 4%

6th and National - 2%

Junk cars removed from streets - 2%

Parking on right 40 hinders vision to enter from side streets - 2%

5. What changes have you observed in your neighborhood in the past five years that you feel are undesirable?

No comment - 46%

Town Board and Police allowing private businesses (Tractor Sales) in residential areas which lowers property value of private homes - 28%

Neglect of homes - 28%

High taxes with little results - 22%

Poor streets, curbs, and sidewalks and parking - 17%

Children running neighborhoods - 14%

Levee Road built to high - 12%

Dogs running loose - 11%

Mobile homes - 10%

More theft from yards and garages - 9%

Too many street signs in wrong places - 8%

Grimes Recreation Center - 7%

People of questionable character moving into neighborhood - 7%

More noise - 6%

Speeding and loud cars and motorcycles and not enforcing laws with regard to stop sign violators - 5%

No caution signs near ball park crossing and no traffic control on Paris Avenue - 4%

Empty stores on Paris Avenue - 3%

Lack of mosquito control - 2%

6. What is your neighborhoods five most undesirable problems?

Tractor Sales - 40%

No sewers, trash and garbage pick-up and odor from burning trash-25%

Alleys, curbs, sidewalks, gutters and streets cleaned and repaired and needed and improved street lighting - 24%

Neglect of homes - 21%

Dogs running loose - 18%

Too many trailors - 17%

High Taxes - 16%

Children running through private property - 16%

Speeding and loud motorcycles and cars - 14%

Unresponsive administration, poor fire and police protection, and no observance of laws by police and Town Board - 13%

Huge water deposits after rain - 9%

Parking, no regards for curbs and parking in alleys and blocking through traffic - 13%

Too many stop signs - 8%

People of questionable character moving into town - 7%

Grimes Recreation Center - 7%

More theft from yards and garages - 6%

Odor from IGA and blowing of sawdust from Mill - 4%

Empty stores on Paris Avenue - 3%

7. Are you thinking about moving from your present neighborhood because of these problems?

YES - 16% NO - 54% MAYBE - 13% NO COMMENT - 21%

8. What do you think your tax dollars and federal revenue sharing money should be spent on in your community?

Improve curbs, streets, alleys, sidewalks, street lights, sewers, have trash pick-up and yellow flasher at 9th and Paris - 41%

Recreation Areas - 16%

Upgrading of community and community center - 14%

#8 cont.

Taxes lowered - 8%

Old tree removal - 8%

Day Care Center - 8%

Cable TV - 6%

New ewuipment for fire department - 6%

New housing - 5%

Police training - 5%

Softer water and maintenance of hydrants - 5%

New shopping center - 4%

More buses - 4%

Better pay for town employees - 4%

9. Would you be interested in attending a community meeting to talk about improving your neighborhood and community?

YES - 60% NO - 19% MAYBE - 2% NO COMMENT - 13%

10. What type of recreational facilities or activities do you feel are needed in the community?

Swimming pool, tennis courts, skating rinks, basketball goals, bowling alley, bike paths, and a park with shelter and playground equipment - 20%

Recreation center for old and youth (with supervision) - 19%

Use old North School for recreation and recreation center - 12%

Something for girls - 6%

Each family should supply their own recreation - 4%

More parental participation in Little League and Biddy Basketball - 4%

Theater and family entertainment - 3%

Drag Strip - 2%

Anything - 2%

11. Would you be interested in participating in a Senior Citizen Activities Program?

YES - 26% NO - 25% MAYBE-14% NO COMMENT - 2%

12. Please use the remaining space for any other comments you may have concerning the community.

More police protection and town board enforcement of zoning laws - 75%

Streets and alleys improved and more stop lights - 19%

General Clean-Up - 19%

Parking is a problem - beer trucks - 13%

Taxes to high - 11%

Use community center to full extent - 8%

Pick up stray animals

Better drainage - water standing

Senior Citiz ens Program

Noise

Sewer system

We need department stores

Bicycle training

Early mosquito control instead of delayed fogging

Investigate Grimes Recreation Center

Tear down old buildings

Stop light at 9th and National for IGA customers

Too many trailers

Need sidewalks from 8th to 5th St. walkers at West Vigo Elementary School

Want Cable TV

Would like license branch in WTH for Sugar Creek Township People

Great place to raise kids

Need new industry

9pm Curfew